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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1890.

What arrangements it may be our country people making to have exhibit at the coming fair?

The Superintendent of Streets is doing good work on Fresno street, and we hope that he will continue it.

The new state of Dakota boasts of a 2-year-old boy who is four feet high and weighs eighty pounds.

Business is rapidly improving in Fresno. Money is coming in from the sales of big grain and fruit crops.

Potatoes sell for 18 cents per bushel at Lawrence, Kansas, and consequently the spin-growers are unhappy.

A New York man has been fined \$35 for selling a 5-cent package of cigarettes. That is a good precedent.

Thurkey's income will this year lack \$100,000 of meeting her expenses. Job's traditional turkey was not poorer than that.

Drought has caused another crop failure in southwestern Kansas. Agriculture can only become profitable there through irrigation.

It is announced that a large colony of Eastern people will locate near Madera this winter. The Republican hopes to see the rumor verified.

Placer county is to have an irrigation district. The massachusetts of the northern citrus belt will eventually join the procession and be progressive.

The State Fair at Sacramento is apparently a great success, notwithstanding the trouble with the gamblers. The live stock exhibit is excellent.

Lazy people never attain any degree of prominence or respect in this world, and there is no evidence at hand to show that they are any better in the next.

Grains heading still continues and the warehouses are rapidly filling up. A good rise in price is wished for by all, and confidently expected by some.

Get your raisins under cover as soon as possible. There will be some rain during the balance of this month, but much no one can now say. Be prepared for it.

The Chinese Minister at Washington has forbidden any member of the legation to associate with American women. The American women ought to publish a card of thanks.

The Baltimore is claimed to be the fastest warship afloat. Why not add several more like her to the American navy instead of building so many different sized vessels?

Public water works are needed in this city. Every city of any importance in the East owns its own water works. Why should not Fresno own and control her city water works?

The Baltimore grand jury vigorously demands a license of \$1000 with provisions for closing saloons after midnight. High license is steadily growing in favor in Eastern cities.

There is much complaint about a scarcity of water among colonists. The ditches must be cleaned out some time during the year, and there is no better time for this work than in the fall.

Ask the City Trustees going to order the paving of Mariposa street before the rainy season sets in. There is not a property owner between the railroad and the plaza who will object to its improvement.

Texas are millions of idle dollars locked up in all the great cities of the country, and what puzzles the country editor most is how to get a few of those dollars out of the lock-up without getting into it.

There are altogether too many brands of Fresno raisins being put on the market. Fewer brands and more care in grading the fruit is what will retain to our packers the profitable business they have established.

Denies the lost campaign the Selma Irrigator was a dyed-in-the-wool Democratic organ, though misquoting as an independent paper. Now it is burlesque or "Selma and Protection"? Why this change, neighbor?

Oakland and San Francisco are both working under the oppression of soulless water monopolies. Fresno is destined to experience the same trouble in the future unless the city takes step to secure control of the water supply.

MATTHEWS has been restored to power at Sonoma, and Matanzas takes the place of second in power. The German puppet king, Tannenberg, has been notified by the German consul that the fatherland will no longer support him.

The fall clip of wool will add at least \$200,000 to the receipts of Fresno sheep men for 1889. Prices are low for this article but still the quantity produced in this county cuts quite an important figure in the total value of our products.

The purchase of a raisin vineyard near this city yesterday for \$1000 per acre doesn't look much like a decline in real estate values. The fact is, there is going to be an advance in good raisin land and inside city property during the coming year.

Last Wednesday was the sixtieth anniversary of Chilean independence. Chile is perhaps the most energetic nation in the world south of the equator, and her people have well earned the reputation of being the Yankees of the south.

There is a great scramble among politicians in New York who desire to succeed S. S. Cox. Tammany wants the place and the County Democracy is also after it. Carl Schurz and Ex-Mayor Hewitt are mentioned among the possible successors.

Persons attending public school are under the guardianship of teachers, and the teachers are expected to exercise full government of pupils from the hour of their arrival on the school grounds in the morning until their departure at noon or evening.

LOCAL PAPERS THE BEST.

Fruit growers throughout the state and especially those living in Fresno county cannot exercise too much discretion in the matter of patronizing horticultural or trade journals published in the large cities.

These publications, as a rule, are controlled by commission men or dealers in country produce, and are therefore in duty bound to look out for the interests of their owners or friends.

Prices are generally quoted more favorable to the dealer than to the producer. The outlook is always written up with a view to influencing the grower to dispose of his crop at a low price in order that the middle men or wholesale dealers will be able to make a large profit.

Growers who place little credence in the reports of trade papers generally fare the best. Local papers having the best interests of the community in which they are published at heart, strive to assist the grower into getting good prices for his produce.

The more money brought into the neighborhood the better it is for all, and especially for the local newspaper. The fruit grower who pays \$30 or \$40 to have his paper written up by a metropolitan trade journal is committing an act of folly, the extent of which he may realize later in the season when the same paper in a general way mentions that a certain kind of fruit in this or that particular section "is not of as good quality as in former years, though the quantity is apparently in excess of present or future demands."

Instead of contributing to the support of such papers, the farmers, raisin and fruit men should deal more liberally with their local papers. Every owner of ten acres of vines in this county can afford to pay for an extra copy of one of the Fresno daily papers to be sent to some acquaintance in the east.

Fresno raisins and dried fruits will be advertised, new markets opened quicker, and better prices obtained for our products by sending Fresno papers abroad than by any other means. When the agents for metropolitan journals come around on their annual tour, "working" the fruit, wine and raisin growers for write-ups, give them the cold shoulder and invest all your money for a season with those who work for your common interests the year round.

Yesterday a man who had been released from the county jail not more than a week, at most, approached one of the publishers of this paper and expressed a desire to give an item. Being invited to unobscure himself he poured forth a horrible story of mistreatment while confined in the county hotel now under the administration of Sheriff Hensley.

One of the features of the institution that seemed to harrow up the feelings of the young man to the highest degree was the presence of lice in the cell where he had to spend his time. After listening to his wailing tale we could not help but feel sorry for the vermin that had taken up an abode in the same cell occupied by such a degraded and beastly specimen of humanity.

Nothing but scorpions and centipedes would feel at home with his kind, and a decent louse would amble off and commit suicide rather than occupy the same cell. The human vermin which infest our jails are getting altogether too particular.

Any person holding a position of trust, or in the employ of another, who knowingly appropriates to his own use any article of value belonging to his employer is a thief. The smaller the article, or the less its value, the more degraded and the less worthy of confidence is the guilty wretch. Employees who countenance the pilferings of fellow-laborers from their common employer are equally guilty with the thief.

A San Diego paper says that the people of that city are now paying out more money to the Louisiana lottery than they are for their food supply. It would seem that such a statement is an exaggeration, but if it comes anywhere near the truth, isn't it time to begin to think about enforcing the law?

The shameful manner in which Fresno county was treated by the Committee of Awards at the State Fair should spur people up to make the finest display of any county in the state in the "California on Wheels" cars, soon to be sent East. Let us mark the exhibit in bold characters "Fresno" all the way through.

How many of the married women, young ladies and girls now working in the raisin packing houses of this city will have a bank account of their own on the first day of 1891? Out of a total of over one thousand we earnestly believe several hundred should own snug little bank accounts at the beginning of the new year.

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There is no slur or aspersion in the statement. It is not a theory; it is a fact.

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The manager of the Texas state prison has turned in to the state a profit of \$65,000 on the labor of convicts above cost of maintenance. But few state prisons can make such a showing. The profits were largely from the growing of sugar cane.

The Secretary of the Navy has decided to have one of the 3000-ton cruisers built at the Norfolk yard and the other at the Brooklyn yard. It is also given out semi-officially that the Mare Island yard will soon be given a chance to build a government ship.

SALT grass land will never prove profitable for grapes. The most profitable use it can ever be put to is stock-raising. Seed it to alfalfa, and where the alkali is too strong for the alfalfa, the salt grass will continue to grow, thus making first-class pasturage for all kinds of stock.

The whole country seems to be growing up to weeds. Something must be done to rid the land of this rank growth. Farmers who have mowing machines should cut the weeds down on their idle land. Weeds mown now will dry up in a few days so that they can be burned, thus effectually getting rid of them.

The American flag idea is spreading, and the national colors will soon float in the breeze from every public building. Illinois is agitating the passage of a state law making it compulsory to fly the flag over every public school house. Other states would do well to encourage public sentiment in a like manner.

Any percentage or banking game, played for money or anything representing value, is illegal. Therefore any game dealt upon the principal of law, no matter whether the deck is one card or ten cards short, is contrary to law, and the dealer or anyone playing at the game is subject to arrest and punishment.

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HIDDEN TO DEATH.

Everyone except the people who take part in the pasture seems to realize that the country newspaper, more than any other business institution in the world, is over-burdened, often crushed to the earth, by the weight imposed upon it by the many who require the services of a free journalistic pack-horse.

The country newspaper is expected to boom every public or private enterprise set on foot in the community, out of mere patriotism, and while making these contributions for the benefit, often, of those who are able to pay a dozen newspapers, is called upon at the same time to plunk up hard-earned dollars when money is required to advance some cause, to the advocacy of which its free-for-all columns are devoted.

The country politician invariably expects to ride into office free, so far as the newspaper is concerned, and returns thanks for his election to some striker who bought a few disreputable votes with whisky.

And so it goes. The newspaper which will not work for nothing is damned as useless, and those which do must starve. All this is wrong, and can only be righted by a radical change in the business methods of the entire country press, which must unite and co-operate in the reform if anything is accomplished.

The newspapers of northern California have recently formed an association for mutual protection and benefit, and the result of their efforts to get out of the deep and murky rat which now clogs all progress and prohibits advancement will be watched with interest.

That this view of the case is not one-sided nor overdrawn is proven by the comments of the disinterested metropolitan press, which is conducted on business methods exactly opposite from those in vogue with country newspapers, and is thoroughly qualified to appreciate the disadvantages under which the country press labors.

The following from the Alta of recent date is a fair sample of the views expressed by city papers whenever this subject is touched upon:

"The longest suffering man on earth is the country journalist, and he deserves it the least. There is not a community that does not get a hundred dollars in benefit from a good country paper to one dollar that it gets out of the community. The rural paper is the free horse, ridden till its withers are wrung, and then exchanged for a fresh steed that must soon or late win for the same reason. If it is possible to devise a system by which the country press can be enfranchised and emancipated, its resulting independence will be a most potent factor in the progress of the state. It is a great factor now, but it is because of self-interest and unrequited public spirit on the part of the men who conduct it."

Let earnest inquiry be made, some system of rates established, and some plan adopted to which will put the business on a footing that will do justice to the earnest men who now give so much and get so little, who make great use of their paper, and are as careful as the main body of intelligence will bring it if they get a recognition which they have earned over and over again. Every citizen is capable of receiving the benefits of organization. Farmers and fruit-growers, who are not merchants, and who are unskilled labor, all feel the benefits of co-operation and association. The country press stands alone, outside of all the modern processes for the protection of its interests, the shelter of its press and the holding of its license to a proper relation with the volume of its business. We hope that the matter will not be forgotten, but the value of a guild will be proved, and one of the main agencies of intelligence will be brought to the rescue of its forlorn hope."

Texas is only one way to keep up interest in county exhibits at the State Fair, and that is to award mining counties first prizes over agricultural and horticultural counties. Who ever heard of a carload of oranges, lemons, raisins, prunes, figs, dried apricots and peaches, wine, brandy, hooch, alfalfa hay or nursery stock being shipped out of Arizona or Nevada counties. Yet those two counties were given first and second prizes over Colusa, San Joaquin and Fresno by the committee on award of prizes at the State Fair. Such an exhibition of wisdom is ridiculous in the extreme and can only be accounted for on the score of pitiable ignorance or rank cowardice. The committee did not have sense enough to know what constituted an all round, creditable exhibit of the natural and artificial products of a county, or else it was afraid of offending the hydraulic miners. Fresno county can stand this kind of a racket if the State Fair can.

Some people will pay \$50 for 10,000 circulars and distribute them at an additional cost of \$10, as a means of advertising their business. At best these circulars do not reach over 10,000 people, and perhaps one-half of them either cannot or will not read their contents. Sixty dollars will pay for sixty lists of local notices for one month in The Republican, or for a twenty-inch display advertisement for the same length of time. In one month's time the merchant patronizing the The Republican would have his advertisement appear in 48,000 papers, and estimating that on an average six persons see each paper, his advertisement would be presented to persons who would read it 288,000 times during the month. This is why the successful business men of Fresno all patronize The Republican.

The only way to reclaim the thousands of acres of good fruit and vineyard land from idleness is to put a premium upon vineyards, orchards and timber land. A state law relieving all land planted to trees or vines from taxation for a number of years will do more to break up the large bodies of idle land held by individuals or rich corporations than any other means that can be devised. Orchards and vineyards do not come into profitable bearing under five years on an average, hence The Republican favors a law exempting newly-planted timber, vine and orchard lands from taxation for a period of five years.

An evening paper says: "In the battle of life, whether in the ministry, law or whatever profession, a bright man finds that the greatest obstacle to success is the fact of being too pronounced." This is probably a wall from the office boy, as we never heard of anybody else about that establishment with individuality enough to be "pronounced" in anything.

ARTHUR ten months of recounting by Democratic election boards and Democratic courts in West Virginia, it is announced that Mr. G. W. the Republican candidate for Governor, was defeated by 131 majority. The best Democratic daily paper in the state has passed under Republican control and has changed complexion politically.

TAX MICHIGAN PEACH CROP IS A FAILURE.

These Eastern states might as well quit monkeying with fruit crop failures. California never has a failure, and can supply the whole country.

Yus Falls will be here next week, and only a few days remain in which to swamp percentage games. The officers can do it if they choose. Republicans who elected Mr. Johnson Constable would like very much to know what he is going to do about it.

The City Trustees have expressed themselves unanimously in favor of the city owning its own waterworks. Two engineers have been ordered to prepare estimates and report on the merits of two systems, one to pipe water into the city from the San Joaquin river and the other to pump the supply from wells.

Next season a considerable part of the wine grape crop of Fresno county will be turned into syrup. This may be looked upon as a decided step toward temperance, but the grape growers will sell their grapes the way that brings the best returns, no matter whether the juice is converted into claret, port, burgundy, brandy or syrup.

THROUGHOUT the efforts of the M. E. Church South conference, Constable Morgan and The Republican, the city ought to be in pretty good condition for the coming county fair. It might not be out of order for the city to select several new men for the police force to assist in maintaining good order during fair week.

ORGANIZED labor properly directed is a great thing, but such organization directed toward one objective point, that of making an easy living at the expense of some one else, is still greater. The limit of forbearance on the part of industrious Americans is already in plain sight, and when it is reached there will be a radical revision of by-laws in many so-called labor institutions.

AMERICANS are supposed to be the most intolerant and enterprising traders in the world, but we have heard of nothing recently which goes ahead of an English firm which has offered the Government \$125,000 a year for the privilege of placing a pill and soap advertisement on the postage stamps, the advertisement to be put on by the same machine with which the stamps are cancelled.

If we are correctly informed it does not look as though the officers who raided the fair game Saturday night were in earnest. They took two men connected with the game into the office of a Justice of the Peace, let them give bonds for their appearance on Monday and then go back and run their game all night. Why was not the game raided again and all the implements used in conducting it confiscated?

The officials in charge at the Mare Island navy yard are anxious to undertake the building of two 3000-ton cruisers recently advertised by the Government, and for which all bids received were above the limit of the appropriation. Secretary Tracy has taken the matter under advisement. The Mare Island yard is well equipped and the Government should test the capacity of the workmen employed there.

This latest in fraternal societies is an association for unfortunate husbands, which has been duly organized in Philadelphia with a membership on the start of 202. Its object is the protection and relief of husbands whose wives are made unhappy by their wives, and such men only are entitled to membership. The possibilities of such an organization is startling. By co-operation do the weak and oppressed become powerful.

WIKES the season is over, and the revenue officers return to port from Behring Sea and file reports of their work, then there will be an accounting between Canadian and American sealers and the United States Government. The former may possibly secure the intervention of England to prevent confiscation and sale of the vessels seized, but we do not think that the English Government is going to run any chance of getting into trouble with the United States by taking up the quarrel of her colonists when they are clearly in the wrong.

Two difficulties which attend the publication of an interesting newspaper in an isolated country town is too briefly summarized by the Cambria Critic: "Editing a newspaper in a country town is at all times a trying occupation, and the utter absence of news about Cambria of late makes it doubly so. But how do our readers expect us out here, forty miles from a railroad, ten miles from a steamer landing, forty miles from a city, millions of miles from heaven, two miles from the devil and only fifty yards from a whisky shop, to get out a newsworthy and interesting paper?"

THERE are now in Fresno agents for four separate overland railroads, all soliciting freight for their individual lines. This competition will surely bring to the attention of rival transcontinental companies the importance of Fresno as a shipping point, and some one or more of them will then seek to meet the Southern Pacific on equal terms by building an opposition road into Fresno.

The rapid increase in the production of raisins, dried fruits, wine, brandy, wool and grain is working out a great future for Fresno as a railroad center.

An adjourned meeting of the City Trustees, to be held to-morrow night, a new member of the Board will be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. M. Clark. Mr. Clark has been faithful and earnest in the performance of his duties, and it may not prove an easy matter to find some one capable and willing to take his place.

The names thus far mentioned in connection with the appointment are P. G. Berry, Thos. B. Hughes and Jerry Ryan, all of the Fourth Ward. The ward in which Mr. Clark resides is now represented by Truett Pedlar.

An excursion of Tulare citizens will arrive in Fresno to-morrow morning about 8 o'clock. There will be about one hundred of the leading citizens of our neighbor city, who have decided to visit Fresno for the sole purpose of investigating the results of irrigation. They will endeavor to look over city and also visit the colonies and outlying vineyards. We feel sure that our citizens will assist the visitors in gaining the information they seek. Other towns in the San Joaquin valley could profit by similar excursions to Fresno, where the benefits of practical irrigation are substantially set forth.

FRESNO RAISING.

Many estimates have been made on the probable output of raisins this season. These estimates vary according to the judgment or inclination of the party making the statement. Of course, one expects to meet with great difference of opinion among the various newspapers of the state, and there is no reason why a slight difference of opinion should not exist between newspapers or individuals in regard to the crop now being eroded and packed in Fresno county.

We are hardly prepared to see such widely divergent views given to the public by the same newspaper as apparently exist between the editorial and local departments of the Fresno Examiner. Not over a week ago an editorial in that paper read as follows:

"California has never produced as much as 1,250,000 boxes of raisins, still an attempt to that effect has lately gone through a large part of the press. Such calculations will injure the reputation of the state. It must sooner or later be known that our production is not so large, and outsiders with the true figures before them will naturally suppose that it has fallen off. All estimates to that effect are to be regarded as untrustworthy, and it is far better to under-estimate than to over-estimate; it is best to be on the safe side. This year's crop of raisins will in all probability, fall short of 850,000 boxes of twenty pounds each, and 80,000 boxes will be needed for the actual sugar. Fresno will produce of this about 600,000 boxes and the bulk of the balance will come from South California."

A member of the local staff of our esteemed contemporary climbed over the ropes last Saturday and smote the opinion of the editor below the belt with the following facts:

"The shipments of raisins and dried grapes from Fresno are already assuming immense proportions. From the vineyards immediately around this city, and not including carloads which have gone from other stations in this county, there have been shipped to date: Boxes of Muscatels, 49,540; twenty pounds each, or 1,200,000 pounds; 24,558 sacks of dried grapes, twenty-five pounds each, or 1,851,000 pounds; total pounds, 3,041,558.

Allowing 20,000 pounds for each carload, it will be seen from this that 152 carloads of raisins and dried grapes have actually been shipped by our people. It is well known to those who are interested in the business, not more than 16 per cent of the raisins have been packed, so from this one can form some estimate of what Fresno will do this year."

Last season The Republican estimated the raisin crop of Fresno county at 450,000 boxes or 9,000,000 pounds. The total shipment of raisins and dried grapes amounted to 10,668,260 pounds, about 100,000 twenty-pound boxes of good raisins (or 1,460,000 pounds of inferior raisins) and 1,460,000 pounds of inferior raisins (or 1,460,000 pounds of inferior raisins). This year Fresno county will produce 660,000 boxes of raisins, including layers and three grades of loose boxed fruit. In addition to this there will be 6,500,000 pounds of dried grapes and low grade raisins packed in cotton bags, making a total of output of raisins and dried grapes for the county of 17,500,000 pounds, equal to 375,000 twenty-pound boxes. This is The Republican's estimate and when the shipments start will have all the forward we shall endeavor to secure a statement of actual results from the railroad company for comparison with this estimate.

INDIFFERENT DAIRYMEN.

Too little attention is paid to butter-making in Fresno county. The idea that butter cannot be successfully made here the year round is the merest nonsense. Butter cannot be made with profit anywhere in the world at all seasons of the year unless the dairyman is prepared for it. Take it in New York, or Michigan, for instance. Can they make butter there in the winter season without a suitable building in which to keep their milk and do their churning? Of course not. If it is profitable to build expensive milk houses for winter use in the cold northern states why not build equally expensive houses for summer use in a warm climate? Better is selling for 50 cents per pound in Fresno to lose because nobody is engaged in butter-making here on a large scale. Cool houses can be prepared for keeping milk in during the summer months at reasonable outlay, and by means of patent water-cooled boxes butter can be kept in good condition or marketed in Fresno the hottest day of summer ever experienced here. We know where we speak in this connection and will take pleasure in giving any additional information to any one who will take interest enough in the matter to investigate. No better place in the world exists for a thrifty dairyman to engage in butter-making than Fresno county. Here green feed can be had the year round, millstills are cheap, forage plants grow with remarkable luxuriance when ordinary care is bestowed upon them, and a good market is close at hand for all the butter and cheese that is likely to be produced. Why then should we continue to send our money away from home for dairy products?

WINTER FLOODING.

The benefits of winter flooding of raisin grape vines can be readily observed in any vineyard where a portion of the vines were so treated and the balance received only the ordinary spring irrigation by means of running water through furrows plowed between the rows. Where it is possible to do so the vines should be entirely covered with water, and allowed to remain in that condition for two or three weeks. There is no danger of drowning a grape vine, and the vines come out healthier, more vigorous and bear heavier than if treated in any other manner. Many Fresno county vineyardists were loth to admit the truthfulness of the statement of results obtained from the practice of winter flooding or submerging of vines, but there are numerous converts now who do not believe in the theory last season. Results obtained by experiments cannot be gainsayed, and there will be a large increase this winter in the amount of vineyard flooding.

The flooding must be done in cool weather, that the water can all soak away before becoming stagnant from the rays of the hot sun in the spring. Flooding late in the spring is liable to result in the souring of the land and consequent death to the vine, but winter flooding is a good thing, and should be more generally practiced in this county.

A WEALTHY young Chicagoan was the hand of a society belle in a courtship of just thirty hours. Another case, probably, of come easy go easy.

This New York Sun has the following to say in regard to the growth of the California fruit trade in that market:

THE CALIFORNIA FRUIT TRADE IN THIS CITY HAS INCREASED OVER TEN FOLD IN THREE YEARS.

and the product of Pacific Slope orchards and vineyards is now competing with

